only by rural and urban residence. According to the 1991 census, the number of main workers are 222 millions in the rural area and 64 millions in the urban area.

(d) The Government have taken a number of steps to rectify the social inequalities among labour classes. These include effective implementation of legislations such as Minimum Wages Act, 1948; provision of housing medical; educational and recreational facilities under various welfare schemes, organisatich of special eductional programmes through Central Board for workers Education, encouraging action oriented projects through voluntary organisations, etc.

Serongth of National Trade Unions

844. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of verification of the the strength of respective National Trade Unions was undertaken in 1989;

(b) why the verified figures have not been published so far inspite of commitment in Parliament; and

(c) what action is contemplated against individuals and agencies that have delayed and denied verified figures all these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) At the 29th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held on 21st and 22nd April, 1990 it was decided to undertake verification with 31.12.89 as the date of rechoning. The process of verification of membership of Central Trade Union Organisations (CTUOs) started in June. 1992, after the recipt of chaims and objections from the CTUOs. The results of the verification membership of the CTUOs have been processed according to the agreed procedure adopted by the Standing Committee of CTUOs. The Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Chairman of the Standing Committee has aldeady requested the CTUOs to collect the provisinal results either on 4th or 5th August, 1994 and point out error/ommissions, if any within a period of one month for rectification. These will be considered by the Standing Committee of CTUOs for finalisation of the result of the vertification.

Recovery of dues of Provident Fund

845. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Provident Fund dues as on the 1st of February, 1994 in the city of Bombay;

(b) what are the details of the oldest case of arrears;

(c) how much arrears were recovered during the year 1993-94; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) Rs. 1290.99 lakhs.

(b)

Name of Establishment	Period of default	Amount in default
M/s. Saksaria Cotton Mills	2/66 4/66 to 10/67	8.49 lakhs

(c) Rs 183.90 lakhs.

(d) To recover the dues EPF Organisation conduct recovery proceedings, levy damages and file necessary prosecutions under the EPF and MP Act and the Indian Penal Code.

बोनस के भुगतान के लिए सीमा में वृद्धि करना

846. **श्री अन्नतराय देवशंकर रवे :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बोनस के भुगतान के लिए वर्तमान 8.33 प्रतिशत में वृद्धि करने और सोलह सौ रुपये की निर्धारित सीमा में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) और (ख) बोनस संदाय अधिनियम, 1965 के अन्तर्गत पात्रता और गणना सीमा मे वृद्धि करने का एक प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

Declining Trade Unionism

847. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a leading labour economist, Mr. Walter Galtnson the decline of trade unionism, especially among the core industrial countries of International Labour Organisation, risks destroying the cherished concept of tripartism involving worker management and the State for overall efficiency and productivity of the economy; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views expressed by Mr. Galenson are based on a Dutch study on the decline in trade union density during 1980—88 in most industrialised countries, notably USA, UK, France and Italy.

However, according to Mr Galenson, trade unions in the industrialised countries are by no means threatened with extinction and most of them are functioning satisfactorily In fact, some East Asian countries have seen an augmentation of unions strength and power. In Africa, too, the labour movement is getting more organised.

In India, there is as yet no evidence of any sharp decline in trade union membership and the dynamics of collective bargaining and tripartism are working satisfactorily.

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि का भुगतान करने वाले संस्थानों के विरुद्ध मामले

348. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में उन संस्थानों और व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके विरुद्ध पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान भविष्य निधि का समय पर भुगतान न करने के कारण मामले दर्ज किये गये हैं;

(ख) उन फर्मों और व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके ऊपर दो लाख रुपये से भी अधिक की भविष्य निधि की राशि बकाया है ;

(ग) उन संस्थानों और व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं जिनके ऊपर इस समय दस लाख रुपये से अधिक की राशि बकाया है और जिन्होंने पिछले तीन वर्षों में भविष्य निधि का भुगतान नहीं किया है; और

(घ) सरकार ने ऐसे व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की है और इस के परिणामस्वरूप, पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितनी राशि भविष्य निधि मे जमा कराई गई है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान बिहार में 11 प्रतिष्ठानों तथा 23 व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि चूक संबंधी मामले पंजीकृत किये गये थे ।

(ख) बिहार में 5 प्रतिष्ठान ऐसे है जिनके पास 2 लाख रुपये से अधिक भविष्य निधि की राशि बकाया है ।

(ग) एक विवरण संलग्न है (**नीचे देखिए**) ।

(घ) कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि प्राधिकारियों ने कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि एवं प्रकीर्ण उपबंध अधिनियम की धारा 7क और 8ख के अन्तर्गत कार्रवाई शुरू की थी और परिणामस्वरूप गत दो वर्षों के दौरान बिहार में 188.27 लाख रुपये की धनराशि वसूल की गयी है ।